

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198501392**

Cessna 172 N

3 March 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198501392
Location: Falmouth TAS
Date: 3 March 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172 N
Registration: VH-TSQ
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Practice
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Falmouth TAS
Departure Time: 0825
Destination: Falmouth TAS

Approved for Release: 1st August, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot intended to conduct practice circuits and landings in preparation for competitions later in the day. On the first landing the aircraft bounced slightly and then veered into soft earth at the edge of the partially constructed strip. The nose gear leg collapsed and the left wing tip struck rocks adjacent to the strip. The pilot was inexperienced and the landing was conducted in crosswind conditions onto a 15 metre wide section of strip which was closely surrounded by areas of soft ground, rocks and earthworks. The organisers of the flying competition had permitted operations to take place on a sub-standard strip.